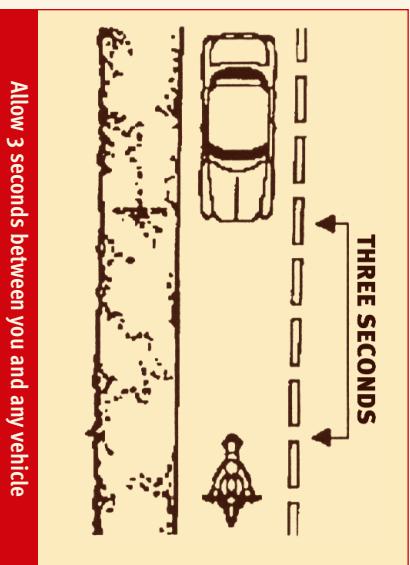


## Following Distance

Allow at least three seconds following distance between you and any vehicle, including motorcycles.



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## Drive Aware

When motor vehicles collide with motorcycles, it is always serious, and often deadly. Approximately 5 out of 6 motorcyclists involved in motor vehicle crashes are injured or killed. Additionally, motorcyclists are twelve times more likely to be killed than motor vehicle crash occupants. Drive aware, start seeing motorcycles and share the road.

## Safety Tips for Motorcyclists

- Choose a lane position that maximizes your safety and ability to be seen by others on the road.
- Approach intersections with caution. Never assume that other vehicle drivers see you and will yield. Be sure to check oncoming traffic for vehicles that may be turning left.
- Pass other vehicles only when it is safe. Before passing, you should make sure your motorcycle is in the left portion of the lane at a safe following distance. Avoid crowding the automobile when passing.
- Communicate with other roadway users. Use lights and signals. This is an effective way to let the motorists around you know your intentions. Remember to cancel your signal after a turn and use hand signals if necessary. Daytime headlights help motorcycles to be more visible.



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# Share The Road

*Start Seeing Motorcycles*



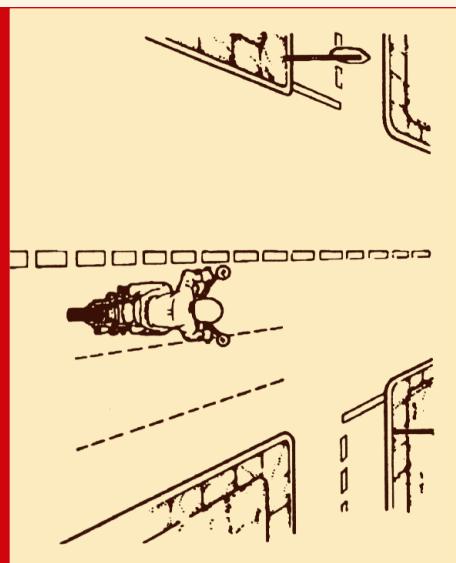
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## Share the Road

Approximately 75% of all motorcycle crashes involve a motor vehicle, and 67% of these crashes were caused by the motorist failing to yield the right-of-way to the motorcyclist. Considering crash statistics and the increasing number of motorcyclists, the key to a safer traffic mix is learning to share the road.

Motorcycles are smaller in size and maneuver more quickly than motor vehicles. Because of their size and maneuverability, car drivers often don't notice motorcycles in traffic.



### Traffic Lane Area

Traffic conditions and road surface can determine the area within the lane that the motorcycle may use. Oil spills, potholes, gravel or debris may require the motorcyclist to adjust position within the lane. Motor vehicles and motorcycles should not share the same lane, so the motorcyclist can choose a lane position that maximizes their safety and ability to be seen by others on the road.



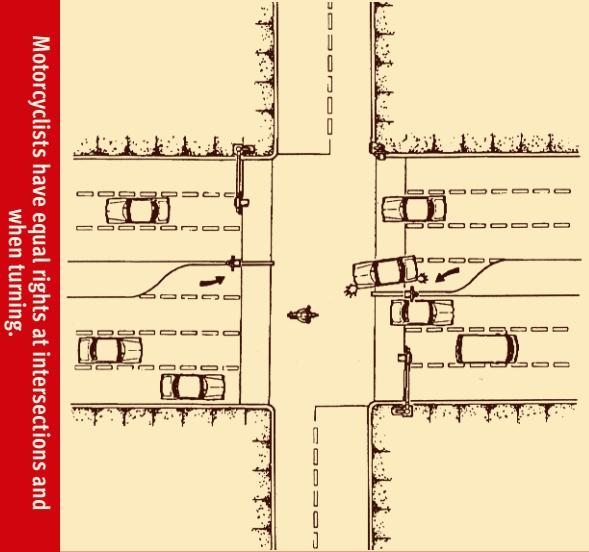
## Start Seeing Motorcycles

Include motorcycles in your search pattern because they are small and may be difficult to see. The failure of motorists to see motorcycles in traffic is the most common cause of motorcycle crashes. Car drivers involved in collisions with motorcycles often do not see the motorcycle before the collision, or until it is too late to avoid the collision.

### SEE

Both the motorist and motorcyclist can benefit from using a simple system to heighten awareness of potential problems while on the roadway. It's known as the SEE process and consists of the following steps:

- S - Search for factors in the area.** Search for oncoming traffic – motorcycles, other motor vehicles, and even bicycles.
- E - Evaluate the potential risks and options.** Anticipate potential problems and have a plan to reduce risks. Think about your time and space requirements to maintain a margin of safety.
- E - Execute with control and precision.** Carry out your decision. Use your turn signals and headlights to make others aware of your presence.

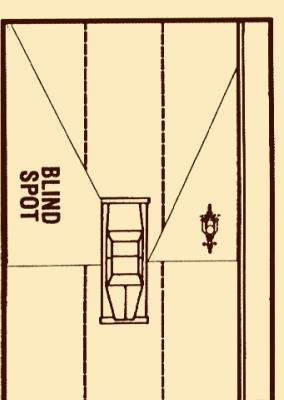


Motorcyclists have equal rights to a full traffic lane area.

Motorcyclists have equal rights at intersections and when turning.

## Intersections

In Utah, over 50% of motorcycle/car crashes are caused by drivers entering a rider's right-of-way. Most often the motorcycle is proceeding straight when the oncoming vehicle makes a left turn in front of the motorcycle. Watch for motorcycles before turning. Because motorcycles are smaller, drivers tend to underestimate the speed of the motorcycle. Yield the right-of-way and always use your turn signals.



## Blind Spots